

THIS WEEK IN THE MISSOURI HOUSE

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FLOOR ACTIONS

The House third read and passed the following bills:

- **HJR 23**, which proposes a constitutional amendment prohibiting appropriations in any fiscal year from exceeding certain limits.
- **HCS HB 46 & 434**, which changes the laws regarding the consent requirements for obtaining an abortion and creates the crime of coercing an abortion.
- **HCS HB 376**, which allows the Highways and Transportation Commission to enter into more than three design-build highway project contracts.
- **HCS HB 740**, which extends the expiration date of various federal reimbursement allowances from 2009 to 2011.

In addition, the House also third read and passed 25 consent bills, some of which include:

- **HB 69**, which defines "adoption resource center" and specifies that qualified centers will get a portion of the unclaimed funds for tax credits for special needs child adoptions which now goes to 3 other agencies.
- **HCS HB 93 & 216**, which exempts tractors from certain width, height and length regulations when the tractors are participating in tractor parades for fund-raising activities.
- **HB 259**, which allows a health insurance carrier 45 processing days, instead of the current 45 calendar days, to pay a claim.
- **HCS HB 154**, which requires the state to make diligent efforts to locate the grandparents of a child needing emergency placement and requires the grandparents to be given first consideration for foster care placement.
- **HB 400**, which allows certain veterans to park free in metered parking spots under certain circumstances.

BY THE NUMBERS

House Actions
as of 3/23/09
9:30 a.m.

# House Bills Filed	1075
# of HBs Referred to Committee	862
# HBs Reported Do Pass	100
# HBs Reported Do Pass Consent	110
# HBs Perfected	39
# HBs Third Read	41
# HBs Reported Do Pass in the Senate	2
# HBs Third Read in the Senate	2

Photo of the Week



House Budget Chair Allen Ictet references a budget graph during the session midpoint press conference

Dates of Interest

- April 1 - Last day to file bills
- April 13 - Easter Break
- May 8 - Appropriation bills Must be Truly Agreed and Finally Passed
- May 15 - Session ends
- July 14 - Deadline for the governor to sign bills
- September 16- Veto session begins



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- **HCS HB 236**, which establishes Kaitlyn's Law. This bill requires school districts to allow certain students with disabilities to participate in graduation ceremonies after four years of high school attendance.
- **HB 239**, which allows a conservator to invest an estate's liquid assets unless the court finds on the record that the investment is not reasonable and prudent or if it is otherwise restricted by the descendent's will.
- **HB 395**, which changes the law regarding grants for MO HealthNet recipients transitioning back into the community from long-term institutional care.
- **HB 488**, which changes the laws regarding the restructuring of an unaccredited school district under certain circumstances.

COMMITTEE ACTIONS

- The **Judiciary Committee** passed **HCS HB 152**, which expands the DNA profiling system by requiring any person 17 years of age or older who is arrested for certain crimes to provide a biological sample for the purpose of DNA profiling analysis. (3.9.09)
- The **Special Committee on General Laws** passed **HB 84**, which changes the procedure by which a substitute for a bill may be adopted by the General Assembly. (3.10.09)
- The **Public Safety Committee** passed **HCS HB 330**, which allows courts to impose continuous alcohol monitoring or verifiable breath alcohol testing for certain offenders of alcohol-related offenses. (3.10.09)
- The **Special Committee on Health Insurance** passed **HCS HB 497**, which changes the laws regarding transparency of healthcare information, Missouri Health Insurance Pool and patient privacy and safety. (3.10.09)
- The **Committee on Agri-Business** passed **HCS HB 668**, which specifies that deadly force may be used against a person under certain circumstances and changes the laws regarding antique firearms and conceal carry endorsements. (3.10.09)
- The **Committee on Agri-Business** passed **HCS HJR 36**, which proposes a constitutional amendment replacing individual and corporate income tax, sales and use tax, and estate tax with a sales tax on retail sales of new tangible property and taxable services. (3.11.09)
- The **Committee on Elections** passed **HCS HB 681**, which requires special elections to fill vacancies in the offices of Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, Secretary of State, State Auditor, State Treasurer and U. S. Senator. (3.10.09)

FAST FACTS

In the House, there are approximately:

- 21 lawyers.
- 20 members who served in the military.
- 18 farmers.
- 14 educators.
- 13 members working in healthcare professions.

Did you know?



The Capitol's 30 foot wide Grand Stairway was said to be the widest stairway in the world at the time the Capitol was built. Also, at the entrance to the building stands the bronze front door measuring 13 X 18 feet, which at the time was said to be the largest since the Roman era.